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C. Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A sealing washer for sealing a rotating collet chuck arrangement of a machine tool against coolant leakage, the washer having a circular opening for the tool shank, this opening defining a cylindrical surface with an annular groove in it and being dimensioned such that an open annular gap exists between the cylindrical surface and the tool shaft through which open space coolant can flow into said groove and build up pressure therein, an elastic sealing body disposed in the groove and embracing the tool shaft, wherein the groove is wider and deeper than the cross-section of the elastic sealing body such that the sealing body is pressed by coolant against a side wall of the groove.

Claim 4. (Cancelled) A sealing washer according to claim 3, wherein the opening is dimensioned such that an open annular gap exists between the cylindrical surface and the tool shaft through which open space coolant can flow into the groove and build up pressure therein.

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Claim 5. (Previously Presented) A sealing washer according to claim 3, wherein the collet chuck arrangement includes a tensioning nut wherein said sealing washer is attached to said tensioning nut.